

5687. From Sandy Run to Columbia, 16 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Sandy Run Saturday at 5 a. m. arrive at Columbia by 12 m. leave Columbia Saturday at 0.30 p. m. arrive at Sandy Run by 6 p. m.

5688. From Monticello, by Long Run, to Alston, 9 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Monticello Friday at 9 p. m. arrive at Alston by 12 m. leave Alston Friday at 1 p. m. arrive at Monticello by 4 p. m.

5689. From Unionville, by Cold Well, Goshen Hill, Whitmore's, Liberty Hall, and Beth Eden, to Newberry court house, 30 1/2 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Unionville Friday at 5 a. m. arrive at Newberry court house by 7 p. m. leave Newberry court house Saturday at 5 a. m. arrive at Unionville by 7 p. m. Proposals invited for semi-weekly service.

5690. From Unionville, by Kelton, Mount Joy, and Skull Shoals, to Gowdeysville, 19 1/2 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Unionville Saturday at 2 p. m. arrive at Gowdeysville by 6 p. m. leave Gowdeysville Saturday at 6 a. m. arrive at Unionville by 11 a. m.

5691. From Unionville, by Fair Forest to West's Spring, 13 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Unionville Saturday at 1 p. m. arrive at West's Spring by 5 p. m. leave West's Spring Saturday at 8 a. m. arrive at Unionville by 12 m.

5692. From Jonesville, by Faelett Mills, Timber Ridge, and Bowdensville, to Limestone Springs, 18 1/2 miles, and back, three times a week. Leave Jonesville Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 2 p. m. arrive at Limestone Springs by 8 p. m. leave Limestone Springs Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at a. m. arrive at Jonesville by 12 m.

5693. From Smith's Store, by Hebron, Roger's Bridge, and Cavin's Old Field, to Woodruff's, 15 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Smith's Store Saturday at 1 p. m. arrive at Woodruff's by 6 p. m. leave Woodruff's Saturday at 7 a. m. arrive at Smith's Store by 12 m.

5694. From Spartanburg court house, by Damascus, Martinsville, Cowpens and Island Ford, N. C., to Rutherfordton, 36 miles, and back, three times a week. Leave Spartanburg court house Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7 a. m. arrive at Rutherfordton by 5 p. m. leave Rutherfordton Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 a. m. arrive at Spartanburg Court House by 5 p. m.

5695. From Spartanburg court house by Crawfordville, Reidville, Sparta, and Buena Vista, to Greenville court house, 33 miles, and back, three times a week. Leave Spartanburg court house Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 a. m. arrive at Greenville court house by 4 p. m. leave Greenville court house Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a. m. arrive at Spartanburg court house by 1 p. m.

5696. From Spartanburg court house, by Valley Falls, Mount Lebanon, New Prospect, Cannon's Store, Campobella, Earlesville, Columbus, N. C. and Tryon, to Hendersonville, 55 1/2 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Spartanburg court house Thursday at 7 a. m. arrive at Hendersonville next day by 12 m. leave Hendersonville Friday at 1 p. m. arrive at Spartanburg court house next day by 8 p. m.

5697. From Spartanburg court house, by Boiling Spring and Thomson's Creek, to Buck Creek, 18 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Spartanburg court house Thursday at 6 a. m. arrive at Buck Creek by 12 m. leave Buck Creek Thursday at 1 p. m. arrive at Spartanburg court house by 7 p. m.

5698. From Glenn Springs, by Meansville, to Jonesville, 11 miles, and back, three times a week. Leave Glenn Springs Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 4 1/2 a. m. arrive at Jonesville 7 1/2 a. m. leave Jonesville Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 2 1/2 p. m. arrive at Glenn Springs 6 p. m.

5699. From Barleywood, by Mountain Shoals and Scuffletown, to Laurens court house, 16 1/2 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Barleywood Wednesday 7 a. m. arrive at Laurens court house 12 m. leave Laurens court house Wednesday 1 p. m. arrive at Barleywood 6 p. m.

5700. From Hope Station, by Walton and Glymphville, to Mabinton, 15 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Hope Station Saturday 1 p. m. arrive at Mabinton 6 p. m. leave Mabinton Saturday 7 a. m. arrive at Hope Station 12 m.

5701. From Cross Anchor, by Hobbyville and Crossville, to Millville, 18 miles and back, once a week. Leave Cross Anchor Saturday 7 a. m. arrive at Millville 12 m. leave Millville Saturday 1 p. m. arrive at Cross Anchor 6 p. m.

5702. From Cross Anchor, by Huntington, Reynolds and Indian Creek, to Newberry court house, 35 1/2 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Cross Anchor Friday 6 a. m. arrive at Newberry court house 4 p. m. leave Newberry court house Saturday 6 a. m. arrive at Cross Anchor 4 p. m.

5703. From Glymphville, by Cotswood and Mount Bethel, to Newberry court house, 17 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Glymphville Wednesday 1 p. m. arrive at Newberry court house 7 p. m. leave Newberry court house Wednesday 7 a. m. arrive at Glymphville 12 m.

5704. From Martin's Depot, by Marengo, to Milton, 6 miles and back, once a week. Leave Martin's Depot Saturday 1 p. m. arrive at Milton 3 p. m. leave Milton Saturday 10 a. m. arrive at Martin's Depot 12 m.

5705. From Laurens court house, by Cold Water, Tylersville, Cross Anchor, Burnt Factory and Smith's Store, to Glenn Springs, 31 1/2 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Laurens court house Thursday 6 a. m. arrive at Glenn Springs 6 p. m. leave Glenn Springs Wednesday 1 p. m. arrive at Laurens court house 6 p. m. Proposals for more frequent service invited.

5706. From Laurens court house, by Highland Home, Power's Shop, Fountain Inn and Plain, to Greenville court house, 33 1/2 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Laurens court house Wednesday 8 1/2 a. m. arrive at Greenville court house 6 p. m. leave Greenville court house Thursday 8 a. m. arrive at Laurens court house 6 p. m. Proposals for semi-weekly service invited.

5707. From Laurens court house, by Scuffletown, Pleasant Mound and Young's Store, to Centerville, 49 1/2 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Laurens court house Saturday 5 a. m. arrive at Centerville 11 a. m. leave Centerville Saturday 12 m. arrive at Laurens court house 6 p. m.

5708. From Laurens court house, by Simpson's Mills, and Mount Gallagher, to Brewerton, 19 1/2 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Laurens court house Friday 12 m. arrive at Brewerton 6 p. m. leave Brewerton Friday 5 a. m. arrive at Laurens court house 11 a. m.

5709. From Chappell's Bridge, by Spring

Grove, and Cross Hill, to Mountville, 13 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Chappell's Bridge Wednesday 12 m. arrive at Mountville 6 p. m. leave Mountville Wednesday 5 a. m. arrive at Chappell's Bridge 11 a. m. Proposals invited for semi-weekly service.

5710. From Ninety-Six, by Swaney Ferry, Waterloo and Mount Pleasant, to Laurens court house, 26 1/2 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Ninety-Six Friday 7 a. m. arrive at Laurens court house 4 p. m. leave Laurens court house Saturday 7 a. m. arrive at Ninety-Six 4 p. m.

5711. From Ninety-Six, by Sister Springs, and Grove Hill, to Richardsonville, 18 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Ninety-Six Friday 5 a. m. arrive at Richardsonville 12 m. leave Richardsonville Friday 1 p. m. arrive at Ninety-Six by 8 p. m.

5712. From Hodges, by Alpha, Gentsville and Queensborough, to Calhoun, 27 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Hodges Friday 8 a. m. arrive at Calhoun 5 p. m. leave Calhoun Friday 6 p. m. arrive at Hodges next day 2 p. m.

5713. From Due West Corner, to Donalds-ville, 4 miles, and back, three times a week. Leave Due West Corner Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 3 p. m. arrive at Donalds-ville 4 p. m. leave Donalds-ville Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 5 p. m. arrive at Due West Corner 6 p. m. Proposals for three additional trips per week invited.

5714. From Rocky Ridge, to Belton, 12 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Rocky Ridge Thursday 7 a. m. arrive at Belton 11 a. m. leave Belton Thursday 3 p. m. arrive at Rocky Ridge 7 p. m.

5715. From Fountain Inn, by Dublin, Cripple Creek, Cedar Falls, Lickville, Dunklin, Eden and Fairview, to Fountain Inn, equal to 22 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Fountain Inn Wednesday 6 a. m. arrive at Fountain Inn next day 9 a. m. Proposals invited for semi-weekly service.

5716. From Williamston, by Ashmore's Store, Golden Grove, Oak Lawn, Sterling Grove and Highway, to Greenville court house, 27 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Williamston Thursday 2 p. m. arrive at Greenville court house next day 9 a. m. leave Greenville court house Friday 9 1/2 a. m. arrive at Williamston 7 p. m.

5717. From Williamston, by Newell, Golden Springs, Donhat, Brushy Creek, Equality, Slabtown, Piercetown and Silver Glade, to Williamston, equal to 24 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Williamston Friday 6 p. m. arrive at Williamston next day 7 1/2 p. m.

5718. From Greenville court house, by Lima, Merrittsville, Green River, N. C., Flat Rock, Hendersonville, Mud Creek, and Shufordville, to Asheville, 62 miles, and back, three times a week. Leave Greenville court house Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 4 a. m. arrive at Asheville 9 p. m. leave Asheville Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 4 a. m. arrive at Greenville court house 9 p. m.

5719. From Greenville court house, by Pleasant Grove, Cedar Hill, Vernonville, Crawfordville and Fort Prince, to Spartanburg court house, 38 1/2 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Greenville court house Wednesday 5 a. m. arrive at Spartanburg court house 7 p. m. leave Spartanburg court house Thursday 5 a. m. arrive at Greenville court house 7 p. m. Proposals invited for semi-weekly service and greater speed.

5720. From Greenville court house, by Sandy Flat, and Mush Creek, to Highland Grove, 21 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Greenville court house Saturday 1 p. m. arrive at Highland Grove 7 p. m. leave Highland Grove Saturday 5 a. m. arrive at Greenville court house 11 a. m.

5721. From Woodruff's, by Enoree, Huntersville, Clear Spring, Gilder, and Hokeville, to Greenville court house, 27 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Woodruff's Friday 7 a. m. arrive at Greenville court house Saturday 7 a. m. arrive at Woodruff's 5 p. m.

5722. From Buena Vista, by Pliny, and Cashville, to Poolsville, 17 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Buena Vista Wednesday 1 p. m. arrive at Poolsville 6 p. m. leave Poolsville Wednesday 7 a. m. arrive at Buena Vista 12 m.

5723. From Pendleton, by Five Mile, Fickens court house, and Walhalla, to Tunnel Hill, 33 1/2 miles, and back, three times a week. Leave Pendleton Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 a. m. arrive at Tunnel Hill 7 p. m. leave Tunnel Hill Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 4 a. m. arrive at Pendleton 2 p. m.

5724. From Pendleton, by Townville, Fairplay, Parker's Store, Ga., and Aquila, to Carnesville, 37 1/2 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Pendleton Tuesday at 7 a. m. arrive at Carnesville 6 p. m. leave Carnesville Wednesday 6 a. m. arrive at Pendleton 5 p. m. Proposals invited for semi-weekly service.

5725. From Pendleton to Double Branches, 8 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Pendleton Saturday 12 m. arrive at Double Branches 3 p. m. leave Double Branches Saturday 8 m. arrive at Pendleton 11 a. m.

5726. From Pickens court house, by Anderson's Mills, Rock Mountain, Sunnydale, Table Rock, (local), Pumpkintown, (local), and South Saluda, to Greenville court house, and back, by Arnold's Mills, George's Creek, Pickensville, Eighteen Mile, Salubrity, and Five Mile, to Pickens court house, equal to 58 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Pickens court house Saturday 7 a. m. arrive at Greenville court house next day 2 p. m. leave Greenville court house Monday 7 a. m. arrive at Pickens court house next day 12 m.

5727. From Pickens court house, by Flat Shoal, Oconee Station, Whetstone, Pipe Mountain, Ga., Moccasin, and Cheochee, N. C., to Pickens court house, equal to 30 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Pickens court house Saturday 7 a. m. arrive at Pickens court house next day 6 p. m.

5728. From Pickens court house, by Crow Creek, Nine Times, Anderson's Mills, Twelve Mile, Rock Mountain, Nikes, (local), Eastatoe, and Toxaway, to Pickens court house, equal to 26 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Pickens court house Saturday 7 a. m. arrive at Pickens court house next day 10 a. m.

5729. From Pickens court house, by Maxwell's Mills, Bounty Land, Warsaw, Clairmont, Bachelor's Retreat, Snow Creek, Martin's Creek, and Wayside, to Pickens court house, equal to 24 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Pickens court house Saturday 6 a. m. arrive at Pickens court house 8 p. m.

5730. From Pickens court house, by Clayton's Mills, Salubrity, Eighteen Mile, Pickensville, and Camp Ground, to Pickens court house, equal to 22 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Pickens court house

Saturday 6 a. m. arrive at Pickens court house 8 p. m.

5731. From Pickensville, by Fowler's Creek, Oconeeville, Table Mountain, Twelve Mile, Glassy Mountain, and Branch Island, to Pickensville, equal to 19 miles and back, once a week. Leave Pickensville Monday 6 a. m. arrive at Pickensville 6 p. m.

5732. From Anderson court house, by Steel's to Pendleton, 14 1/2 miles, and back, three times a week. Leave Anderson court house Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5 a. m. or immediately after arrival of mail from Columbia; arrive at Pendleton by 8 1/2 a. m. leave Pendleton Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 2 1/2 p. m. arrive at Anderson court house 6 p. m. Proposals for three additional trips per week invited.

5733. From Anderson court house, by Socca, Sadler's Creek, Andersonville, and Ford's Store, Ga., to Carnesville, 42 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Anderson court house Thursday 6 p. m. arrive at Carnesville 8 p. m. leave Carnesville Friday 7 a. m. arrive at Anderson court house 8 p. m.

5734. From Anderson court house, by Melville, Shallow Ford, Townville, Oakway, and Bachelor's Retreat, to Walton's Ford, Ga., 40 1/2 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Anderson court house Thursday at 6 a. m. arrive at Walton's Ford 8 p. m. leave Walton's Ford Wednesday 6 a. m. arrive at Anderson court house by 8 p. m.

5735. From Anderson court house, by Varnes, Butler'sville, Stay Point, Mofetsville, and Craftsville, Ga., to Ruckersville, 39 1/2 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Anderson court house Friday 7 1/2 p. m. arrive at Ruckersville Saturday 7 a. m. arrive at Anderson court house 7 p. m.

5736. From Anderson court house, by Orrville, to Level Land, 15 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Anderson court house Wednesday 7 a. m. arrive at Level Land 12 m. leave Level Land Wednesday 1 p. m. arrive at Anderson court house 6 p. m.

5737. From Anderson court house, by Buchanan, Pierce Town, Slabtown, Equality, Yaney, Five Forks, and Twenty-Six, to Anderson court house, equal to 21 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Anderson court house Thursday 6 a. m. arrive at Anderson court house 8 p. m.

5738. From Belton, by Calhoun, White Sand, Horse Creek, Lick Creek, Tumbling Shoals, and Bluff Rabun, to Laurens court house, 38 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Belton Friday 6 a. m. arrive at Laurens court house 7 p. m. leave Laurens court house Saturday 6 a. m. arrive at Belton 7 p. m.

5739. From Tunnel Hill, by Whetstone and War Woman, Ga., to Clayton, 23 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Tunnel Hill Thursday 4 p. m. arrive at Clayton next day 10 a. m. leave Clayton Thursday 6 a. m. arrive at Tunnel Hill 12 m. Proposals invited for semi-weekly service.

5740. From Horse Sho, by Holly Springs, Long Creek, and C. hero, to Clayton, Ga., 25 1/2 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Horse Sho Saturday 4 p. m. arrive at Clayton next Monday 12 m. leave Clayton Monday 1 p. m. arrive at Horse Sho 10 p. m.

5741. From Abbeville, by Warrenton, Monterey Lowdesville, Cherokee Heights, Harper's Ferry, and Ruckersville, Ga., to Elberton, 45 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Abbeville Tuesday 4 a. m. arrive at Elberton 10 p. m. leave Elberton Wednesday 4 a. m. arrive at Abbeville 10 p. m. Proposals for semi-weekly service invited.

5742. From Abbeville, by Temple of Health, Diamond Hill, and Mountain View, to Wilson's Creek, 22 1/2 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Abbeville Monday 6 a. m. arrive at Wilson's Creek 4 p. m. leave Wilson's Creek Monday 1 p. m. arrive at Abbeville 8 p. m.

5743. From Abbeville to Smithville, 8 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Abbeville Saturday 3 1/2 p. m. arrive at Smithville 5 1/2 p. m. leave Smithville Saturday 12 m. arrive at Abbeville 2 p. m.

5744. From Harrisburg, by White Hall, to New Market, 18 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Harrisburg Friday 3 a. m. arrive at New Market 7 1/2 a. m. leave New Market 2 p. m. arrive at Harrisburg 7 p. m. Proposals invited for an additional trip per week.

5745. From Harrisburg, by Fraziersville, to Long Cane, 9 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Harrisburg Wednesday 6 a. m. arrive at Long Cane 9 a. m. leave Long Cane Wednesday 9 1/2 a. m. arrive at Harrisburg 12 m. Proposals for semi-weekly service invited.

5746. From Millway, by Indian Hill, (local) Sandover and Wideman's, to Calhoun's Mills, 24 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Millway Friday 6 a. m. arrive at Calhoun's Mills 12 m. leave Calhoun's Mills Friday 1 p. m. arrive at Millway 8 p. m.

5747. From Lot's, by Mine Creek, Mount Willing, Oakland and Perry's X Roads, to Newberry court house, 38 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Lot's Friday 7 a. m. arrive at Newberry court house 7 p. m. leave Newberry court house Saturday 7 a. m. arrive at Lot's 7 p. m.

5748. From Phenix to New Market, 8 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Phenix Friday 6 a. m. arrive at New Market 9 a. m. leave New Market Friday 2 p. m. arrive at Phenix 5 p. m. Proposals for semi-weekly service invited.

5749. From Lexington court house, by Rocky Well, Calk's Ferry, Long Pond and Saluda Mills, to Prosperity, 35 1/2 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Lexington court house Thursday 10 1/2 a. m. arrive at Prosperity next day 11 a. m. leave Prosperity Friday 12 m. arrive at Lexington court house next day 9 a. m.

5750. From Lexington court house, by Draft's Mill, Hollow Creek, West Creek and Germanville, to Mount Willing, 34 1/2 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Lexington court house Thursday 10 a. m. arrive at Mount Willing next day 8 1/2 a. m. leave Mount Willing Friday 10 a. m. arrive at Lexington court house next day 9 a. m.

5751. From Lexington court house, by Pleasant Spring, to Combsville, 12 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Lexington court house Saturday 9 a. m. arrive at Combsville 1 p. m. leave Combsville Saturday 2 p. m. arrive at Lexington court house 6 p. m.

5752. From Lexington court house, by Clark's Mills and Beaver Pond, to Rish's Store, 27 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Lexington court house Friday 6 p. m. arrive at Rish's Store 4 p. m. leave Rish's Store Saturday 6 a. m. arrive at Lexington court house 4 p. m.

5753. From Sawyer's Mills to Gunter's Store, 8 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Sawyer's Mills Friday 7 1/2 p. m. arrive at Gunter's Store 10 p. m. leave Gunter's

Store Friday 3 1/2 p. m. arrive at Sawyer's Mills 6 p. m.

5754. From Steedman's to Rish's Store, 7 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Steedman's Friday 2 p. m. arrive at Rish's Store 4 p. m. leave Rish's Store Friday 5 p. m. arrive at Steedman's 7 p. m.

5755. From Rish's Store, by Williamson's Mills and Bull's Camp, to Orangeburg court house, 35 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Rish's Store Friday 5 p. m. arrive at Orangeburg court house next day 12 m. leave Orangeburg court house Thursday, after arrival of cars—say 1 1/2 p. m. arrive at Rish's Store next day 14 p. m.

**FORM OF PROPOSAL, GUARANTEE, AND CERTIFICATE.**  
*Proposal.*  
The undersigned, residing at \_\_\_\_\_, whose post office address is \_\_\_\_\_, county of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, proposes to convey the mails of the United States, from January 1, 1866, to June 30, 1867, on route No. \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, under the advertisement of the Postmaster-General, dated August 12, 1865, with "celerity, certainty, and security," for the annual sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars.

This proposal is made with full knowledge of the distance of the route, the weight of the mail to be carried, and all other particulars in reference to the route and service, and also after careful examination of the laws and instructions attached to the advertisement.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

*Guarantee.*  
The undersigned, residing at \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, undertake that, if the foregoing bid for carrying the mail on route No. \_\_\_\_\_ be accepted by the Postmaster-General, the bidder shall, prior to the 1st day of January, 1866, enter into the required obligation or contract to perform the service proposed, with good and sufficient securities.

This we do, understanding distinctly the obligations and liabilities assumed by guarantors under the 27th Section of the Act of Congress of July 2, 1836.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ (Signed by two guarantors.) \_\_\_\_\_

*Certificate.*  
The undersigned, postmaster at \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_, certifies, under his own office, that he is acquainted with the above guarantors, and knows them to be men of property, and able to make good their guarantee.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

The above certificate must have affixed to it a five-cent revenue stamp, cancelled, as the law requires.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS AND POSTMASTERS.**  
*Containing also conditions to be incorporated in the contracts to the extent the Department may deem proper.*

1. Seven minutes are allowed to each intermediate office, when not otherwise specified, for assorting the mails; but on railroad and steamboat routes there is to be no more delay than is sufficient for an exchange of the mail pouches.

2. On railroad and steamboat lines, and other routes where the mode of conveyance admits of it, the special agents of the Post Office Department, also post office blanks, mail bags, locks and keys, are to be conveyed without extra charge.

3. On railroad and steamboat lines the route agents of the Department, are to be conveyed without charge, and for the use of the agents a commodious car, or apartment, in the centre of a car, properly lighted, warmed, and furnished, and adapted to the convenient separation and due security of the mails, is to be provided by the contractor, under the direction of the Department.

Railroad and steamboat companies are required to take the mail from and deliver it into the post offices at the beginning and end of their routes, and to send from all offices not more than eighty rods from a station or landing. Proposals may be submitted by the companies for the performance of all other side service—that is, for offices over eighty rods from a station or landing.

There will be "way-bills" prepared by postmasters, or rather agents of the Department, to accompany the mails conveyed on railroads and steamers, specifying the number and destination of the several bags. On other principal routes, likewise, receipts will be required and way-bills forwarded; the latter to be examined by the several postmasters, to insure regularity in the delivery of mails.

4. No pay will be made for trips not performed; and for each of such omissions, not satisfactorily explained, three times the pay of the trip may be deducted. For arrivals so far behind time as to break connexion with depending mails, and not sufficiently excused, one-fourth of the compensation for the trip is subject to forfeiture. For repeated delinquencies of the kind herein specified, enlarged penalties, proportioned to the nature thereof, and the importance of the mail, may be made.

5. For leaving behind or throwing off the mails, or any portion of them, for the admission of passengers, or for being concerned in setting up or running an express conveying intelligence in advance of the mail, a quarter's pay may be deducted.

6. Fines will be imposed, unless the delinquency be promptly and satisfactorily explained by certificates of postmasters, or the affidavits of other credible persons, for failing to arrive in contract time; for neglecting to take the mail from, or deliver it into, a post office; for suffering it to be wet, injured, destroyed, robbed, or lost; and for refusing, after demand, to convey the mail as frequently as the contractor runs, or is concerned in running, a coach, car or steamboat on a route.

7. The Postmaster-General may annul the contract for repeated failures to run agreeably to contract; for violating the post office laws, or disobeying the instructions of the Department; for refusing to discharge a carrier when required by the Department to do so; for running an express as aforesaid; or for transporting persons or packages conveying mail-matter out of the mail.

8. The Postmaster-General may order an increase of service on a route by allowing therefor a *pro rata* increase on the contract pay. He may change schedules of deliveries and arrivals in all cases, and particularly to make them conform to connexions with railroads, without increase of pay, provided the running time be not abridged. He may also order an increase of speed, allowing, within the restrictions of the law, a *pro rata* increase of pay for the additional stock or carriers, if any. The contractor may, however, in the case of increase of speed, relinquish the contract, by giving

prompt notice to the Department that he prefers doing so to carrying the order into effect. The Postmaster-General may also discontinue or curtail the service, in whole or in part, in order to place on the route a greater degree of service; or whenever the public interests, in his judgment, shall require such discontinuance or curtailment for any other cause; he allowing as a full indemnity to contractor one month's extra pay on the amount of service dispensed with, and a *pro rata* compensation for the amount of service retained and continued.

9. Payments will be made by collections from or drafts on postmasters, or otherwise, after the expiration of each quarter—say, in May, August, November and February.

10. The distances are given according to the best information; but no increased pay will be allowed should they be greater than advertised, if the points to be supplied are correctly stated. Bidders must inform themselves on this point, and also in reference to the weight of the mail, the condition of roads, hills, streams, &c., and all toll bridges, ferries, or obstructions of any kind by which expense may be incurred. No claim for additional pay, based on such ground, can be considered; nor for alleged mistakes or misapprehensions as to the degree of service; nor for bridges destroyed, ferries discontinued, or other obstructions increasing distance, occurring during the contract term. Offices established after this advertisement is issued, and also during the contract term, are to be visited without extra pay, if the distance be not increased.

11. Bidders are cautioned to mail their proposals in time to reach the Department by the day and hour named, (3 p. m., October 31,) for bids received after that time will not be considered in competition with a bid of reasonable amount received in time. Neither can bids be considered which are without the guarantee required by law and a certificate of the sufficiency of such guarantee.

12. Bidders should first propose for service strictly according to the advertisement, and then, if they desire, separately for different service; and if the regular bid be the lowest offered for the advertised service, the other propositions may be considered.

13. There should be but one route bid for in a proposal. Consolidated or combination bids ("proposing one sum for two or more routes") are forbidden by law, and cannot be considered.

14. The route, the service, the yearly pay, the name and residence of the bidder, (that is, his usual post office address,) and those of each member of a firm, where a company offers, should be distinctly stated.

15. Bidders are requested to use, as far as practicable, the printed proposals furnished by the Department, to write out in full the sum of their bids, and to retain copies of them.

Altered bids should not be submitted; nor should bids once submitted be withdrawn. No withdrawal of a bidder or guarantor will be allowed, unless the withdrawal is dated and received before the last day for receiving proposals.

Each bid must be guaranteed by two responsible persons. The bid and guarantee should be signed plainly with the full name of each person.

The Department reserves the right to reject any bid which may be deemed extravagant, and also to disregard the bids of failing contractors and bidders.

16. The bid should be sealed, super-scribed "Mail Proposals, State of South Carolina," addressed "Second Assistant Postmaster-General, Contract Office," and sent by mail, not by or to an agent; and postmasters will not enclose proposals (or letters of any kind) in their quarterly returns.

17. The contracts are to be executed and returned to the Department by or before the 1st day of January, 1866; but the service must be begun on that day, or of the mail day next after it, whether the contracts be executed or not.

Transfers of contracts, or of interest in contracts, are forbidden by law, and consequently cannot be allowed. Bidder will therefore take notice that they will be expected to perform the service accepted to them through the whole term of the contract.

18. Postmasters at offices on or near railroads, but more than eighty rods from a station, will, immediately after the 30th of March next, report their exact distance from the nearest station, and how they are otherwise supplied with the mail, to enable the Postmaster-General to direct a mail messenger supply from the 1st of July next.

19. Section eighteen of an Act of Congress approved March 3, 1845, provides that contracts for the transportation of the mail shall be let, "in every case, to the lowest bidder tendering sufficient guarantees for faithful performance, without other reference to the mode of such transportation than may be necessary to provide for the due celerity, certainty and security of such transportation." Under this law bids that propose to transport the mails with "celerity, certainty and security," having been decided to be the only legal bids, are construed as providing for the entire mail, however large, and whatever may be the mode of conveyance necessary to insure its "celerity, certainty and security," and have the preference over all others, and no others are considered.

20. A modification of a bid in any of its essential terms is tantamount to a new bid, and cannot be received, so as to interfere with regular competition, after the last hour set for receiving bids. Making a new bid, with guarantee and certificate, is the only way to modify a previous bid.

21. Postmasters are to be careful not to certify the sufficiency of guarantors or securities, without knowing that they are persons of sufficient responsibility; a disregard of this instruction by postmasters is a violation of their oath of office, subjecting them to immediate removal. All bidders, guarantors, and securities are distinctly notified that on a failure to enter into or perform the contracts for the service proposed for in the accepted bids, their legal liabilities will be enforced against them.

22. Present contractors, and persons known at the Department, must, equally with others, procure guarantors and certificates of their sufficiency substantially in the forms above prescribed. The certificate of sufficiency must be signed by a postmaster, or by a judge of a court of record. No other will be admitted. The certificate must also have affixed to it a five-cent revenue stamp, cancelled, as required by law.

W. DENNISON  
Sept 24 1864 Postmaster-General